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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of Richard A. Jewell, of Bellevue, Washington, and Julie A. Reimer, of Seattle, Washington, entitled METHOD FOR PRODUCING CELLULOSE FIBER HAVING IMPROVED BIOSTABILITY AND THE RESULTING PRODUCTS.

- X 1. This application is a divisional of prior Application No. 10/228,815, filed August 27, 2002, which is a continuation of prior Application No. 09/838,947, filed April 19, 2001, which claims priority from U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/199,344, filed April 24, 2000, priority from the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. _X__ 2. An application consisting of 16 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, is attached. 3. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment to the priority Continuation \mathbf{X}_{-} Application consisting of 4 pages, and an original Preliminary Amendment to the instant Divisional Application consisting of 5 pages, are attached. A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the above-noted prior application is attached. [Note: This application is a continuation or divisional, no new matter has been added to this application, and no new inventors have been named.]
- i. The entire disclosure of the prior applications, from which a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
- X 5. The prior application was assigned by an Assignment recorded at Reel 011745/Frame 0627.

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